

CLAIMS

1. An anoscope (1), comprising a first hollow-body means (4) open at opposite ends and a second hollow-body means (6) open at opposite ends shapingly coupled with said first hollow-body means (4) and arranged to coaxially rotate inside said first hollow-body means (4), said second hollow-body means (6) being provided with a window means (8) arranged to make a portion of rectal mucous membrane accessible, characterised in that said window means (8) has dimensions and a shape such as to enable surgical means to intervene on said portion.
2. An anoscope according to claim 1, and furthermore comprising an angular positioning means (9) arranged to adjust the relative angular position of said second hollow-body means (6) in said first hollow-body means (4) in preset reciprocal angular positions.
3. An anoscope (1) comprising a first hollow-body means (4) open at opposite ends and a second hollow-body means (6) open at opposite ends shapingly coupled with said first hollow-body means (4) and arranged to coaxially rotate inside said first hollow-body means (4), said second hollow-body means (6) being provided with a window means (8) arranged to make a portion of rectal mucous membrane accessible, characterised in that angular positioning means (9) are also provided that are arranged to adjust the relative angular position of said second hollow-body means (6) in said first hollow-body means (4) in preset reciprocal angular positions.
4. An anoscope according to claim 3, wherein said window means (8) has dimensions and a shape such as to enable surgical means to intervene on said portion.
5. An anoscope according to any of preceding claims, wherein said first hollow-body means (4) comprises a first truncated-cone portion (4a).

6. An anoscope according to claim 5 wherein said first truncated-cone portion (4a) is solidly connected with a second truncated-cone portion (4b) that has a progressively decreasing cross-section.
- 5 7. An anoscope according to claim 5, or 6, wherein said second truncated-cone portion (4b) is solidly connected with a third truncated-cone portion (4c) that protrudes from a part opposite said first truncated-cone portion (4a) and has a progressively decreasing cross-section.
- 10 8. An anoscope according to any of preceding claims, wherein said first hollow-body means (2) has an edge (4'a) positioned in such a way that it faces the operator during use.
- 15 9. An anoscope according to any of preceding claims, wherein said second hollow-body means comprises a rotation segment (6a) and an operating segment (6b), that can be associated with one another before use.
10. An anoscope according to claim 9, wherein said window means (8) is arranged on said operating segment (6b).
- 20 11. An anoscope according to any of preceding claims, wherein said window means comprises an operating window (8).
12. An anoscope according to previous claim 11, wherein said operating window (8) is defined by a U-shaped cut.
- 25 13. An anoscope according to any of preceding claims, wherein said window means (8) opens near to the point that can be reached by the tip of an index finger of an hand of an individual of medium build, by inserting said index finger inside said second hollow-body means (6).
- 30 14. An anoscope according to any of preceding claims, wherein said first hollow-body means (2) comprises a grip element (3).

15. An anoscope according to any of claims 8 to 14, wherein said edge (4'a) comprises a plurality of notch means (5).
- 5 16. An anoscope according to claim 15, wherein said notch means (5) are 6 in number.
17. An anoscope according to claim 16, wherein said notch means (5) is arranged along said edge (4'a) according to the hours on an imaginary clock-face.
- 10 18. An anoscope according to claim 19, wherein said notch means (5) are arranged at 1 o'clock, 3 o'clock, 5 o'clock, 7 o'clock, 9 o'clock, 11 o'clock.
19. An anoscope according to any of claims 9 to 18, wherein said positioning element (9) is integral with said rotation segment (6a).
- 15 20. An anoscope according to claim 19, wherein said positioning element (9) comprises a plurality of tooth means (10).
21. An anoscope according to claim 20, wherein said plurality of tooth means (10) comprises a locking tooth (10').
- 20 22. An anoscope according to claim 21, wherein said locking tooth means (10) comprises a recess (11) housing a peg (11').
23. An anoscope according to claim 22, comprising an elastic means (12) interposed between said peg (11') and the bottom of said recess (11).
- 25 24. An anoscope according to any of claims 22 to 24, wherein the rotation of said positioning element (9) can be locked by an interaction between said peg (11') and each of said notch means (5).
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